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CLAIM ON COAL OWNERS.

OUT TO A MAN.

RIVAL UNIONS IN CONCERT.

Mr. H. A. Mitchell, secretary of the Federated Engine-drivers' and Firemen's Association of Australasia (Coast District), came down from Newcastle yesterday.

Mr. Mitchell said that he had sent that day a letter to the Colliery Proprietors' Defence

LOCAL SUPPLIES CUT OFF.

WEST MAITLAND, Monday.

A fresh development in the strike situation occurred this morning, when two small collieries working at East Maitland—Pipacrick and Bloomfield colliery and Collins's pit—were thrown idle through the refusal of the miners to resume work out of sympathy with those on strike in other parts of the district. The closure of these collieries will add to the deficit between 30 and 40 men, and cause a stop

AN IMPORTANT BALLOT.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

When interviewed at Jumbunna to-day, Mr. J. Connolly, secretary of the Victorian Coalminers' Association, stated that he was not at liberty to give particulars of any proposed action on the part of the association respecting the Newcastle strike. He stated that the majority of the coalminers employed in that district were unionists, and that if a strike were decided upon they would all go out. He had

filled should be forfeited forthwith. Even if they had to face the idea of resumption, he believed that £2,500,000 in debentures would give to the State a sufficient number of millions to supply the whole needs of the people of Australia. The mines could be resumed on the basis of fair payment for improvements effected and money spent. The marketing of the coal would be a simple matter. If such a proposition were honestly taken in hand by individuals and not by the people as a whole, it would gain greatly. (Cheers).

Mr. Conn said he had worked out the difference between the money actually put in

The Federal-Houlder-Shire combination have been able to get away on time-table dates, and the Essex will be despatched from Sydney at 6 o'clock this morning on her voyage to London and Liverpool. No trouble is anticipated in connection with the following steamers.

CLAN SINCLAIR BRINGS COAL.

The steamer Clan Sinclair, of the Clan Line, which arrived here on Saturday, loaded sufficient coal at Westport, New Zealand, not only to enable her to voyage to London, but also to enable the Clan Robertson, which has been in port here for several days. Yesterday the members of

grievances which they could not get dressed. They had asked from time to time that their grievances should be dealt with an impartial tribunal whose proceedings open to the press. When a conference proposed the employers made conditions, of which was that the men should return to work before the conference was opened, was an impossible condition, absolutely possible. (Applause.) The men wanted an open conference, and the public would like to hear the evidence and give a verdict. Further, the employers made the condition that if at the conference both parties can agree on the points in dispute, the

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